GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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FOREIGN AIRLINES
AJAY CHAKRABORTY;GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ;GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA;IQBAL AHMED SARADGI;Y.S. VIVEKANANDA REDDY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have asked the foreign airlines to operate additional flights to clear the heavy rush during the winter season;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the name of the airlines and the routes allowed to operate;

(c) the response of the foreign airlines thereto;

(d) the extent to which it is likely to control the rush during the said period;

(e) whether any agreement with foreign airlines has been signed in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a): In order to reduce offloading of passengers by foreign airlines during peak season, Government had decided in December, 2000 to permit foreign airlines to operate additional flights or use bigger aircraft in order to cope with peak season traffic and avoid inconvenience to passengers due to offloading.

(b), (c) and (d): All airlines operating scheduled international services to India were permitted the above facility. Nineteen airlines availed of this facility and negligible offloading was reported during the peak season.

(e) and (f): There was no agreement signed in this behalf as it was only to cater to short term traffic requirements.